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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

1. In accordance with oral discussions yesterday morning, including representatives of Security, FE, and Commercial Divisions, the undersigned discussed subject case with Mr. John Johnson, General Counsel of the Air Force. Sitting in with us was [REDACTED], Special Assistant for Intelligence for Liaison, who advised he had received a telegram which he had not yet had an opportunity to read. I briefed them that the individual had been of concern to us because we had been interested in his being employed by [REDACTED]. This was my explanation to them of our interest in the case. From then on I simply recited the actual facts.

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2. It was agreed that the Air Force would write a simple letter back to [REDACTED] stating that they had no record of the incident described by him and certainly they had not disapproved his clearance or recommended disapproval of his employment by [REDACTED]. A copy of this letter would be forwarded to the Air Force Judge Advocate General since they would be the natural recipient of any queries from the Department of Justice in connection with the suit filed by [REDACTED] in New York. [REDACTED]

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3. Johnson was alerted to the fact that a letter may go to the Secretary of Defense or to the White House, and it was agreed that if those letters were to be referred to the Air Force, they would be handled in accordance with the above. It was further agreed that the exact wording of the proposed answer would be cleared with the undersigned. The above information was related by telephone to [REDACTED] of Security and Commercial Division. Mrs. Kelly and I will brief the counsel for [REDACTED] with the view that [REDACTED] will assert that the turn-down was simply on the basis of unsuitability for employment as a result of [REDACTED] own investigations. If errors must be acknowledged, they will simply have to be acknowledged as misunderstandings or erroneous statements, and the associates will have to carry through with the individual on this basis.

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Commercial Div.

Note: See IN 46105 [REDACTED] 16 Sep 65
OUT to [REDACTED] 76258 and 76259

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